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COVID-19

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an update from Federal officials on efforts to combat COVID-19, after receiving testimony from Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, David A. Kessler, Chief Scientific Officer, COVID-19 Response, Peter Marks, Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, and Rochelle P. Walensky,

Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

STOPPING GUN VIOLENCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine stopping gun violence, focusing on ghost guns, after receiving testimony from Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro, Harrisburg; Michael Harrison, Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore, Maryland; Nicholas Suplina, Everytown for Gun Safety, New York, New York; Ashley Hlebinsky, The Gun Code, LLC, Cody, Wyoming; and Rick Vasquez, Rick Vasquez Firearms, LLC, Winchester, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 57 public bills, H.R. 3075–3128; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 381–383, were introduced. **Pages H2192–95**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2196–98**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 379, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Fourteenth Congressional District of Illinois (H. Rept. 117–28); and

H. Res. 380, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2547) to expand and enhance consumer, student, servicemember, and small business protections with respect to debt collection practices, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1065) to eliminate discrimination and promote womens health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–29). **Page H2192**

Decorum Statement: The Speaker addressed the House regarding an update to the policies of January 4, 2021, and December 15, 2020, regarding the requirement to wear masks in the Hall of the House during the coronavirus pandemic. Consistent with the updated guidance from the Office of the Attending Physician, the Chair informed Members that while masks continue to be required in the Hall of the House, Members are permitted to remove their masks temporarily while under recognition. Mem-

bers and staff must wear masks in the Hall of the House at all times except that a Member may remove their mask when recognized by the Chair and Members presiding as Chair may remove their masks when speaking. The Sergeant-at-Arms is directed to enforce mask requirements consistent with this announcement. **Page H2157**

Oath of Office—Second Congressional District of Louisiana: Representative-elect Troy A. Carter presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a copy of a letter received from the Honorable John Bel Edwards, the Governor of Louisiana, and the Honorable R. Kyle Ardoin, the Secretary of State of Louisiana, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held April 24, 2021, the Honorable Troy A. Carter was elected Representative to Congress for the Second Congressional District, State of Louisiana. **Pages H2157–58, H2191**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Louisiana, the whole number of the House is 431. **Page H2158**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Peters wherein he resigned from the Committee on Small Business. **Page H2159**

Suspensions: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Fairness in Orphan Drug Exclusivity Act: H.R. 1629, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to limitations on exclusive

approval or licensure of orphan drugs, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 250 yeas to 168 nays, Roll No. 134.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:23 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Family Support Services for Addiction Act of 2021: H.R. 433, to establish a grant program for family community organizations that provide support for individuals struggling with substance use disorder and their families;

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Pursuing Equity in Mental Health Act: H.R. 1475, amended, to address mental health issues for youth, particularly youth of color;

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Suicide Training and Awareness Nationally Delivered for Universal Prevention Act of 2021: H.R. 586, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide best practices on student suicide awareness and prevention training and condition State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and tribal educational agencies receiving funds under section 520A of such Act to establish and implement a school-based student suicide awareness and prevention training policy;

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Mental Health Services for Students Act of 2021: H.R. 721, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs;

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Behavioral Intervention Guidelines Act of 2021: H.R. 2877, to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop best practices for the establishment and use of behavioral intervention teams at schools;

Pages H2167–68

Bipartisan Solution to Cyclical Violence Act of 2021: H.R. 1260, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program supporting trauma center violence intervention and violence prevention programs;

Pages H2168–69

Improving Mental Health Access from the Emergency Department Act of 2021: H.R. 1205, to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Center for Mental Health Services of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to award grants to implement innovative approaches to securing prompt access to appropriate follow-on care for individuals who experience an acute mental health episode and present for care in an emergency department;

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Effective Suicide Screening and Assessment in the Emergency Department Act of 2021: H.R. 1324, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to improve the identification, assessment, and treatment of patients in hospital emergency departments who are at risk of suicide;

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Helping Emergency Responders Overcome Act: H.R. 1480, amended, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to improve the detection, prevention, and treatment of mental health issues among public safety officers;

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Campaign to Prevent Suicide Act: H.R. 2862, amended, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a national suicide prevention media campaign;

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Suicide Prevention Lifeline Improvement Act of 2021: H.R. 2981, to amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure the provision of high-quality service through the Suicide Prevention Lifeline;

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Suicide Prevention Act: H.R. 2955, to authorize a pilot program to expand and intensify surveillance of self-harm in partnership with State and local public health departments, to establish a grant program to provide self-harm and suicide prevention services in hospital emergency departments; and

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Block, Report, and Suspend Suspicious Shipments Act of 2021: H.R. 768, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify the process for registrants to exercise due diligence upon discovering a suspicious order.

Pages H2180–81

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Yemen that was declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012 is to continue in effect beyond May 16, 2021—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 117–37).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to securing the information and communications technology and services supply chain that was declared in Executive Order 13873 of May 15, 2019 is to continue in effect beyond May 15, 2021—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 117–38).

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Discharge Petition: Representative Perry presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution, H. Res. 160 entitled expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the International Olympic Committee should rebid the 2022 Winter Olympic

Games to be hosted by a country that recognizes and respects human rights, (Discharge Petition No. 4).

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2159.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H2184.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMPREHENSIVE DEBT COLLECTION IMPROVEMENT ACT; PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2547, the “Comprehensive Debt Collection Improvement Act”; and H.R. 1065, the “Pregnant Workers Fairness Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2547, the “Comprehensive Debt Collection Improvement Act”, and H.R. 1065, the “Pregnant Workers Fairness Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2547, the “Comprehensive Debt Collection Improvement Act”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides that following debate, each further amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 3 shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Section 3 of the rule provides that at any time after debate the chair of the Committee on Financial Services or her designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments

printed in part B of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee Report or amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1065, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides that at any time through the legislative day of Friday, May 14, 2021, the Speaker may entertain motions offered by the Majority Leader or a designee that the House suspend the rules with respect to multiple measures that were the object of motions to suspend the rules on the legislative days of May 11 or 12, 2021, and on which the yeas and nays were ordered and further proceedings postponed. The Chair shall put the question on any such motion without debate or intervening motion, and the ordering of the yeas and nays on postponed motions to suspend the rules with respect to such measures is vacated. The rule provides that House Resolution 379 is hereby adopted. Testimony was heard from Chairman Scott of Virginia, and Representatives Foxx, Waters, and Luetkemeyer.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: to hold hearings to examine domestic violent extremism in America, 10 a.m., SH–216.